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Jersey boys show off Jets set

Security tight at unveiling, with media having to pass through three security checkpoints to gain access to launch at RCAF base

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▶ Winnipeg Jets, from left, Eric Fehr, Mark Stuart, Nik Antropov and Andrew Ladd pose for a photo in the new Jets jerseys at 17 Wing yesterday. See what Winnipeg tweeters had to say about the new unis on page 8.

They may be the Jets, but they'll be dressed in navy.

The NHL's Winnipeg Jets have unveiled their uniform, which features two shades of blue.

The home jersey is navy blue — officially "polar night blue" — with striping in white and lighter blue.

The away jersey is white with the two shades of blue as striping.

Both blue colours have links to the air force — the lighter shade matches the historical colours of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the darker comes from the paint used on many of the military's current aircraft.

Both home and away sweaters feature the team's new circular logo on the chest.

Reaction in Winnipeg was mixed, as it was when the logo was released. Most of the complaints centred around the horizontal light-blue striping.

Some also complained about the way the jerseys were presented — four Winnipeg Jets players walked out of a CC-130 Hercules military aircraft to present the jerseys to the crowd of media.

Jerseys will be up for sale in October, but fans were able to pre-order the jerseys at winnipegjets.com for $129 for replica jerseys and $299 for authentic jerseys. ● ELISHA DACEY/WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

X-country tweets

What the rest of Canada had to say about the uniforms:

- **@downtownpaul** (Halifax): New Jets uniforms surpass extremely low style bar set by the old Jets and Thrashers uniforms, so there's that....
- **@davidc83** (Toronto): It's very, um, 'Regal'. And by regal I mean #Lame. #WinnipegJets
- **@brightwhite** (Halifax): The jersey/colours are fine. The logo is pure unadulterated crap.
- **@StephaniePelley** (London): Simple, classic, respectable. Then they shag it up w/ Nickelback playing opener
- **@hillsarah** (Halifax): I like the colors but the maple leaf looks wonky to me... sort of dagger-esque. Perhaps they're making Winnipeg look dangerous?
- **@daytonenglish** (Calgary): They are decent; not the slickest jerseys in the league but a mediocre effort and improvement on the classic jersey. #nhl
- **@sebbo_figgy**: I like it! Simple yet Canadian!

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Election in brief

Grits tout youth plan

Manitoba's Liberal leader is suggesting that one way to fight crime is to beef up community centres.

Jon Gerrard says his party will push for $4.6 million more for recreational programs.

He says the money would support alternatives for kids who may be tempted by gangs.

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NDP kick off campaign

Greg Selinger and the NDP kicked off their election campaign by repeatedly bashing the Tories.

Selinger spent most of the rally pointing to the Tory track record of spending cuts and privatization.

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Conservatives talk tough

The Tories are taking aim at crime on the first official day of the election campaign.

Leader Hugh McFadyen is promising to set up "Manitoba's Most Wanted" on Facebook if he becomes premier.

He also wants to create a special handgun-enforcement unit and hire more Crown prosecutors.

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▶ Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger leaves Government House yesterday after officially dropping the writ to kick off the election campaign.

Campaign gets off to negative start

- Tories, NDP in tight battle as party leaders hit the hustings
- Polls suggest parties are neck and neck ahead of the Oct. 4 vote

Moments before Premier Greg Selinger officially launched Manitoba's provincial election yesterday, there were already signs the campaign is likely to have a more negative tone.

As he walked from the legislature to the lieutenant-governor's office, Selinger was greeted by the head of a taxpayer lobby group, which had parked a van outside with a sign denouncing the province's increasing debt load.

"Want a ride?" Colin Craig, local director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, asked with a sly smile.

"Where's your friend Hughie?" Selinger fired back, in reference to Progressive Conservative Leader Hugh McFadyen, as he continued walking.

An hour later, Selinger was telling more than 300 party faithful a Tory government would spell disaster for Manitoba.

The province's economic growth has remained slow but steady, housing prices are stable, unemployment is low and the NHL has returned to Winnipeg.

That doesn't leave a lot of fuel to feed a public appetite for change, one analyst suggested.

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Manitoba Votes

Here's what you need to know about the Oct. 4 election:

- The date is set in stone under the province's new fixed-election law.
- The campaign is the first test of Premier Greg Selinger's popularity.
- Polls suggest he is in a tight battle for a majority.

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Rising. Debt

▶ Colin Craig, front, of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Peter Holle, president of the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, unveil a provincial debt clock at the Legislative Building yesterday.

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Clock ticking on provincial debt clock

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation wants to draw attention to the provincial debt levels and call off any new spending promises by politicians during the election campaign.

Sex offender gets two years for child-porn smuggling

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A U.S. sex offender has been handed what border officials say is the highest jail sentence ever in Manitoba — and possibly Canada — under customs laws for the attempted smuggling of child pornography.

Tim Owen was handed a two-year-long sentence after getting caught with more than 400 child sexual abuse images as he tried to come into the country.

The 52-year old was sentenced in Winnipeg. He has 14 months left to serve. Owen's lawyer asked Judge Mary Kate Harvie to sentence him to no further jail time — that would trigger Owen's deportation as he is forbidden to be in Canada.

Owen, who is from Georgia and is a former U.S. army officer, has been locked inside the Winnipeg Remand Centre since Nov. 4. That's the day he rolled up to the border crossing at Emerson in a pickup and his "glib" responses to border guards' questions led them to interrogate him and search his vehicle.

FLORIDA OFFENDER ALERT SYSTEM

▶ Timothy Lee Owen

The bulk of the child pornography was largely found on a flash drive that was among the electronic gadgets — including two video cameras and a laptop — that were also seized.

Owen also had a teddy bear in the vehicle. Asked if he planned to leave any goods behind in Canada when he left, Owen was reported as having held up the stuffed animal and saying: 'This, if I can find a pretty girl to give it to."

Owen offered Manitoba border guards no indication of where he was going to or how long he expected to be in the country, Judge Mary-Kate Harvie heard.

A search of a GPS unit in the truck showed Owen had mapped out a route to a Saskatchewan town where it was later discovered he planned to visit a woman he met online. The teddy bear was for her, his lawyer said. The woman is an adult, he added.

Owen, who lost a leg in a car accident years ago and uses a cane, told Harvie that although he did download the illegal images, child porn isn't his "shtick."

"The (jump) stick's mine, and I came across the border with it," Owen said. "Do I regret it? Yes. Mostly I'm just tired and I want to go home."

Woman jailed for TB treatment on mend

- **Woman being held under rare public-health warrant**
- **Can be released when cleared of the infectious disease**

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90 The number of days the woman will be held in jail.

A Winnipeg sex-trade worker being held in jail as a public-health risk because of her refusal to complete treatment for tuberculosis is making progress and could soon be released.

"The reports we're getting back from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is her medical testing is now clear and they're hoping that she'll be able to be released ... soon," city lawyer Peter Tonge told a provincial court judge last week.

"It's safe for her to return to the community," Tonge said.

The woman, 30, is being held under a rare public health warrant until she's cleared of the infectious disease. She came to court to plead guilty to a number of court-order breaches unrelated to her care.

The woman was diagnosed with "untreated active" TB in late December, but breached terms of treatment agreements five times, and vanished from hospitals twice, according to court documents filed by the WRHA.

The breaches triggered sweeping searches to locate her to get her treatment back on track, ultimately causing health officials to seek her continued detention at the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

Police investigate after shots heard

Major-crimes investigators are probing a possible shooting at a Balmoral Street apartment block.

Police said they were called to the complex at around 5:30 a.m. yesterday for a report shots were heard. No injuries have been reported. METRO

Weapons seized following traffic stop

A traffic stop of a vehicle being driven erratically late Sunday led to the seizure of a gun, bullets and several edged weapons, say police.

Three men aged 18, 20, and 27 are facing charges.

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Chopper, police dogs credited

The AIR1 police helicopter and the K9 unit were key in making arrests in a number of robberies late Monday through yesterday morning, police are reporting. Both were called to assist in a break-and-enter on University Crescent, the robbery of a pizza-delivery driver and a home invasion in the North End. METRO

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▶ Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board Gerry Ritz rises during question period in the House of Common on June 15.

Agriculture minister calls wheat-board plebiscite flawed

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz is cutting down the Canadian Wheat Board's plebiscite on its future, saying both the ballot question and distribution list are seriously flawed.

Ritz says in an open letter that many non-farmers, multiple land holders and even dead farmers got a ballot.

The wheat board is asking farmers if they want to end the board's single desk marketing system and move to an open market — something that the Conservative government has long been planning to do.

Board chairman Allen Oberg wrote a letter to producers last week saying there won't be a wheat board once the single desk is dismantled.

Ritz says in his letter that no self-serving, expensive survey can stop Western Canadian grain farmers from having the right to decide how to market their grain.

Ritz has said he'll ignore the results, which are expected Friday.

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▶ Former Calgary resident Lyle Owerko holds a copy of his Time magazine cover photo, which he took on 9-11.

CAPTURING A DAY THROUGH A LENS

JEREMY NOLAIS
IN CALGARY

Hell rained down all around him on 9-11, but what Lyle Owerko remembers most 10 years after that fateful day is the blue sky.

"It just was truly exceptional," he told Metro. "Unfortunately, it provided a beautiful backdrop for something so horrible."

The University of Calgary graduate had just returned from Africa. His bag was still packed when the first plane struck the World Trade Center blocks from his New York apartment.

Owerko raced to the crash site, loading film along the way. A second plane roared into Lower Manhattan on a collision course with the South Tower. Owerko pointed his camera towards the top of the tower and caught the impact.

The historic photo would appear on the cover of Time magazine the next day and go on to receive international critical acclaim from many.

Lady motorcyclists represent Halifax

- Thousands of riders have signed up for 9-11 tribute rally
- Motor Maids Inc. is a group of women riders promoting safe riding

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METRO CANADA IN HALIFAX

The roar of over 5,000 motorcycles won't be able to drown out the memories of the Twin Towers collapsing into dust.

But three motorcyclists from Halifax will be there on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks to represent a city that helped out so generously that day.

"This was something that changed the world. It changed our perception of so many things. I don't think anybody is unaffected by it.
ANN SAVOY MACKELVIE

Denise Pelrine, Ann Savoy MacKelvie and Elizabeth Pass are HRM residents and members of Motor Maids, a women's-only motorcycling club which dates back to 1940.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

▶ Motor Maids Ann Savoy MacKelvie, Denise Pelrine and Elizabeth Pass are heading to New York this week to take part in a 9-11 tribute rally.

Their club was asked to escort members of International Associations of Firefighters Motorcycle Group from Newburgh, N.Y. to Ground Zero on the 10th anniversary of the attacks on Sunday.

"We're very proud to be asked to escort them in. It's awe-inspiring," said Pelrine, who will carry the Nova Scotia flag on her bike.

In total 12 Canadian Motor Maids will participate in the rally: three from Nova Scotia, two from New Brunswick and seven from Ontario. They'll all be wearing donated helmets from firefighters in their hometowns.

"The Americans recognize Canada as a real sister, a support in what happened," said MacKelvie.

9/11 coverage

Pick up a copy of Metro on Friday for our discussion 9-11's legacy a decade later.

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Nine shot at IHOP restaurant

NEVADA. A man with a rifle shot an entire group of five uniformed U.S. National Guard members eating breakfast at a Nevada IHOP restaurant yesterday, killing two of them and another person in a hail of gunfire, authorities and witnesses said.

The suspect also shot himself and later died at a hospital. Six people were wounded in the attack.

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Hostage drama ends without injuries

AUSTRALIA. A man who marched into a law office in Sydney, Australia, with his daughter and said he had a bomb in his backpack was taken into custody yesterday after a tense, 12-hour standoff with police.

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▶ A child believed to be a hostage.

The man's 12-year-old daughter was released and reunited with her family, New South Wales police said. She was distressed but otherwise unharmed, police said.

A police tactical team forced its way into the office after negotiations with the man began to crumble, Clifford said.

"Police have taken action to break into the premises and take a 52-year-old man into custody," Clifford said.

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Gadhafi chiefs flee to Niger

Convoy may include Gadhafi family members

Armed loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi, including top brass, crossed in convoys from Libya into neighbouring Niger yesterday, with the toppled Libyan leader's own security chief at the head of one of the columns as it rolled into the capital of this desert nation, officials said.

U.S. officials in Washington told The Associated Press that senior Libyan military defectors were travelling in one of the convoys. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private exchanges between the U.S. and Niger.

Customs official Harouna Ide told AP that Mansour Dao, Gadhafi's security chief, was at the head of the first convoy.

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▶ Rebel fighters celebrate yesterday at a checkpoint between Tarhouna and Bani Walid, Libya.

He said other Libyan convoys were south of Agadez in central Niger, a desert country that borders Libya and where Gadhafi has the support of many Tuareg tribal fighters.

It wasn't clear if Gadhafi family members were in the convoys but al-Arabiya television quoted Niger's foreign minister, Bazoum Mohamed, as saying Gadhafi himself was not present.

Gadhafi, who ruled Libya for more than 40 years, has been on the run since losing control of his capital, Tripoli, last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rogers getting into banking

FINANCE. Rogers Communications Inc. is hoping to expand beyond the telecom business by starting up a bank that would focus on credit and payment services.

The owner of Canada's largest wireless telephone service provider has told Ottawa that it will apply to become a financial institution called Rogers Bank, headquartered in Toronto. It will not be a full-service deposit-taking bank, a Rogers spokeswoman said.

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RIM 'broken,' investor says

TECHNOLOGY. Research In Motion should consider putting itself up for sale or spinning off its patent portfolio into a separate company, a shareholder says. Vic Alboini, CEO of Jaguar Financial Corp., says RIM's BlackBerry smartphone has lost ground to rival technology companies in the consumer market. "The company is broken and it has to be fixed," he said.

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Well-being at risk: Study

WEALTH REPORT. Canadians are better off than they were 30 years ago, but rising health-care costs are slowing them down, a study suggests. The Centre for Living Standards says there has been a dramatic increase in per-capita consumption and wealth in Canada since 1981, but that is being eroded by declines in economic equality and security.

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More Starbucks for China

- Coffee chain eyeing emerging economies to boost sales
- International revenue now 23% of overall sales of $2.93 billion US

Starbucks Corp., the world's largest coffee chain, plans to triple the number of its coffee shops in China during the next four years, an executive said yesterday.

Starbucks aims to operate 1,500 outlets in China by 2015 from a current 470, the company's Asia Pacific president, Jinlong Wang, said. Starbucks also expects to open 700 coffee shops in South Korea by 2016, up from 370 now, Wang said.

"The coffee industry in China has huge potential. China has 5,000 years as a tea-drinking country, but we've created a new coffee culture," he said.

Wang said sales in Asia have remained robust in recent months despite a slowing global economy.

Since opening its first store in China in 1999, Starbucks has spread to 42 cities. It is preparing to open in India next year and in Vietnam in 2013.

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▶ Howard Schultz, president of Starbucks in the United States, enjoys a mug in the first Starbucks in Chongqing Municipality in 2006. The chain plans to open 1,500 stores in China.

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Starbucks has 17,000 stores in 55 countries.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
- 83.87 (12,518.54)	- 0.58¢ (101.03¢ US)	- 43¢ ($86.02 US)	$3.938 US (+ 6.6¢)

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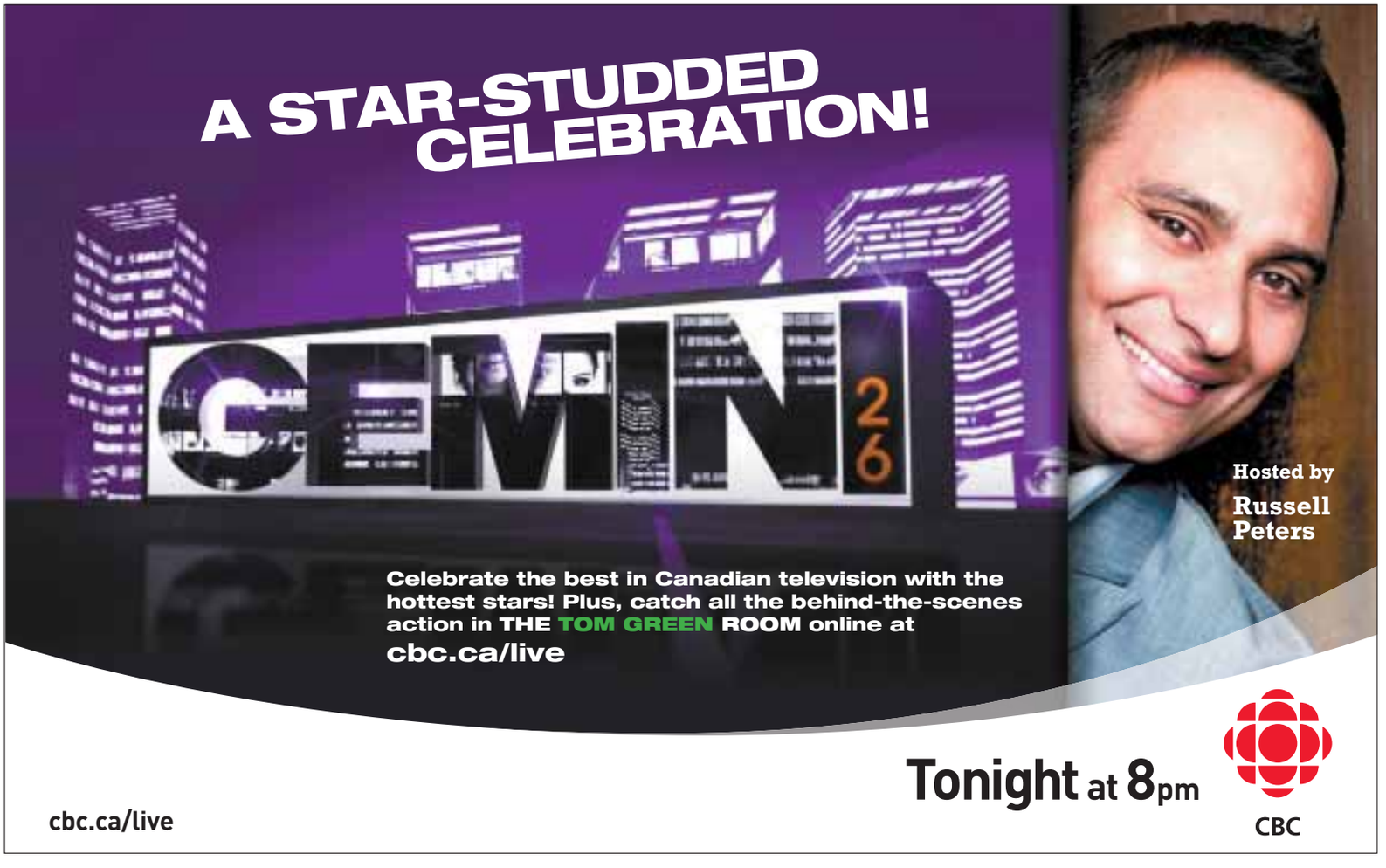
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According to the usually reliable sources, it costs roughly a quarter of a million bucks to raise a child, and you really can't expect too much help from Hillary Clinton's legendary village. The good news is that you get to spread the costs over 20 years, so the annual touch is only about $12,500.

Your alcohol budget is probably higher than that, especially throughout the teen years.

"Remember that it's tough being a kid in 2011. There are simply too many role models, all of them Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. The pressure to be cool starts in kindergarten, where you have to make sure you don't wet your pants and you have to be constantly on the alert to make sure no one swipes Teddy."

Of course, expenses vary depending on your specific circumstances. A teenage girl, for example, needs her OWN bathroom and her OWN bedroom, preferably with a swinging hinge on the door so when she slams it with a dramatic flourish while declaring how much she totally hates you, the ceiling won't fall in.

A teenage boy will sleep anywhere as long as it's in front of an Xbox 360.

Generally, the older a kid gets, the sloppier he or she looks and the more it costs to get the look. Prior to turning 11, kids look like their parents' idea of what a kid should look like, all pressed and brushed and scrubbed and sensible. After 11, they look as if they were outfitted by Puff Diddy.

Remember that it's tough being a kid in 2011. There are simply too many role models, all of them Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. The pressure to be cool starts in kindergarten, where you have to make sure you don't wet your pants and you have to be constantly on the alert to make sure no one swipes Teddy.

Meanwhile, the real competition is hidden in the library (where's that?) where they are already studying 24-7 and have nearly filled all the pre-med slots for the Class of 2024. It's a jungle out there, and unless your kid's a cheetah, he/she can expect to spend the next 12 years at the bottom of the food chain, no matter how much you love them.

So, a quarter of a million bucks may seem like a lot of money to turn out a clerk typist 4 or a travel agent, but they will be the best, most intelligent, beautiful middle managers ever raised. And they're worth every penny. And all the love you've got, which is enough.

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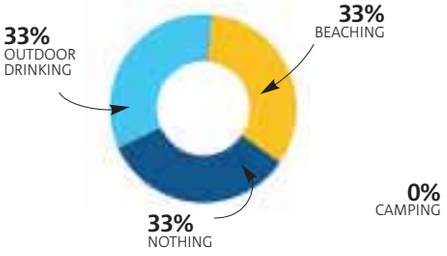
What are you going to miss most about summer?



Local tweets

- **@KitaB53:** The new Winnipeg Jets jerseys look damn nice!!!!
- **@TCatona:** I think the shoulder patch looks horribly cheesy but other than that the new Winnipeg Jets jerseys look sharp. Very impressed. #NHL #Jets
- **@SPR1NCE:** the new Winnipeg Jets uniforms are awesome! classic/crisp/clean...good job Winnipeg, you're doing it right
- **@RevTrevK:** Don't the new Winnipeg Jets jersey's look like a modified version of the Leafs jersey? Just sayin' #winnipegjets #leafs
- **@BuckyHermit:** Interesting new Winnipeg Jets jerseys. Though I still think they should've carried over the old Thrashers designs just to troll Atlanta.
- **@simplyRUT:** I just saw the new Winnipeg Jets jerseys....I'm thinking PHHHHHFFFF
- **@landsharkomg:** I still think their logo should say "Winnipeg Jets" around the circle, like Minnesota's does...just for a little extra something.

Worth Mentioning

Western companies have flocked to Indonesia to sell everything from Louis Vuitton bags to Pizza Hut, but one big business has held out against the foreign invasion. Cinema screens are currently off limits to most Hollywood blockbusters — thanks to a virtual monopoly on film imports by a single company.

With a booming national economy, a growing middle class and a relatively young population — 36 per cent are between the ages of 15 and 40 — Indonesia provides a near-bottomless market for consumer industries.

Yet the film world has managed to escape many of the reforms that resulted in the dismantling of monopolies following the collapse in 1998 of the 32-year dictatorship of Suharto, who placed control of entire sectors in the hands of family and trusted friends.

As long as Group 21 maintains a firm grip on all film imports and most screens in theatres nationwide, cinema lovers will have little to cheer about, said Raam Punjabi, a prominent producer and outspoken critic of the movie industry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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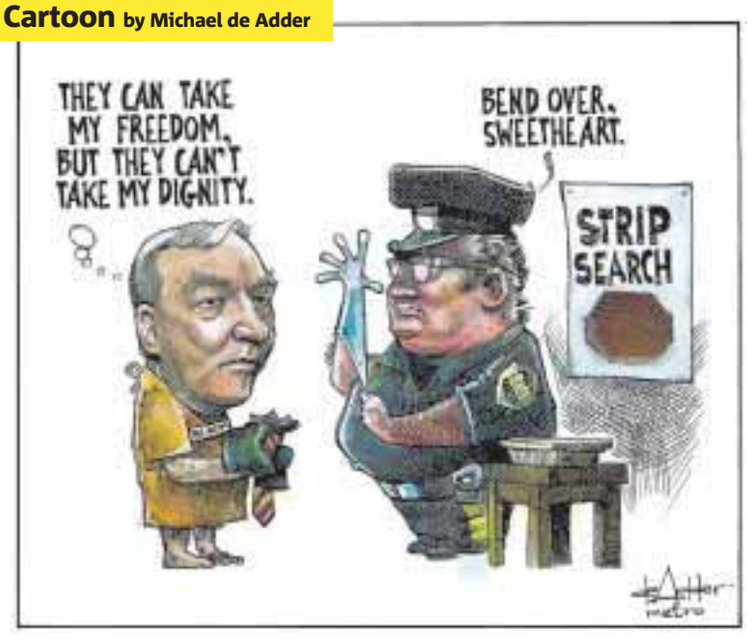

WEIRD NEWS

What a croc!

Its mighty snout wrapped tightly with ropes, a one-tonne, 6.1-metre saltwater crocodile was captured and put on display in a town in the southern Philippines — one of the biggest such reptiles to be caught in recent years.

"Lolong," as it has been nicknamed, is about to become the star attraction of an ecotourism park — unless it's upstaged by an even larger reptile that may be still be on the loose.

Residents of Bunawan township celebrated when they captured the croc, with about 100 people pulling the feared beast from a creek by rope, then hoisting it by crane onto a truck. While the beast was safely tied up, they examined its teeth, claws and stubby legs with fascination.

The scaly skinned Lolong — which tips the scales at 1,075 kilograms — is estimated to be at least 50 years old. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ The mayor of Bunawan township pretends to measure the 6.1-metre croc.

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▶ Metro speaks to the stars of Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star.

Chasing stardom

Lead actors in Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star share their love of one another with Metro
Adam Sandler pits the pair against each other as he brings porn comedy to the big screen

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star puts a wide-eyed pornography newcomer (co-writer and star Nick Swardson) at odds with a more established adult film performer (Stephen Dorff) in this Adam Sandler comedy.

The pair left any sense of animosity on the screen, though, if Metro's love-fest of a chat with the pair is any indication.

Nick, I take it this is an autobiographical film for you?

Nick Swardson: It's a documentary. We're very excited. They followed me around for my beginning (laughs).

No, it's awesome.

It's an idea that (Adam) Sandler had. He told me, 'You play a kid who finds out his parents used to be porn stars,' and it's such an awesome concept because you do think, 'What if I found a porno from the '60s or '70s that my parents were starring in? What would my reaction be?' And this kid's reaction is like, 'Oh my gosh, that's my calling.'

A lot of other comics have pegged you as the one to watch over the last couple of years.

Nick Swardson: Oh, that's very cool. Who said that, my mom?

Mostly your mom, yeah.

Stephen Dorff: And your grandma.

How does it feel to have that kind of momentum building up? Not to put any pressure on you.

Nick Swardson: No, it's cool, man. I've been doing comedy for 16 years, so it's not, like, jarring. It's not an overnight thing where I'm like, 'Ah! How do I deal?' You know, I've had so many parts in Sandler's stuff, Blades of Glory, Reno 911. So it's been like a nice build. I just feel like it's really the perfect time. I don't feel any pressure or anything, and I'm really enjoying it. You know, I get to do a movie like this where I get to work with people like Stephen, who's an amazing actor.

Stephen Dorff: Thanks, buddy.

Nick Swardson: Yeah, buddy. I love you.

We saw you last in Somewhere, playing a movie star, and now you're playing a porn star in the other. Do you approach the characters the same way?

Stephen Dorff: A little different, a little different. This one had bad jeans, a little more Granada Hills thrown in there, some Affliction T-shirts, some Brett Michaels influence.

Nick Swardson: You had a bigger penis in Somewhere.

You had to decrease it for this role. In Somewhere, he had the three-foot penis, going down to his knees. In this one they were like, you've got to dial that back.

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Retiring

Regis Philbin says he'll retire from his talk show on November 18. The veteran TV personality made it official on Tuesday's edition of Live with Regis and Kelly as it began its 24th season in national syndication.
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VIRUS FILMS ARE CONTAGIOUS

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If Jaws kept people out of the water, Contagion, this weekend's all-star Towering Inferno of germ movies, will keep them from touching their faces. The average person touches their face upwards of 3,000 times a day, and in the world of Contagion everything that comes in contact with your skin — an elevator button, a glass at an airport, a handrail on a ferry — could be fatal.

In this world of big diseases with little names like SARS and H1N1, germs are the new Frankensteins.

The movies have used microscopic germs and viruses as bogeymen for years.

In Warning Signs an experimental virus turns people (including Law and Order's Sam Waterston) into rage filled maniacs, a plot echoed in Resident Evil when a virus gets loose in a secret facility. "The T-virus is protean," says the Red Queen, "changing from liquid to airborne to blood transmission, depending on its environment. It is almost impossible to kill."

Michael Crichton dreamt up the idea for The Andromeda Strain when he was still a medical student. The story of a deadly alien virus was inspired by a conversation with one of his teachers about the concept of crystal-based lifeforms.

His novel was a bestseller and the author actually makes a cameo appearance in the hit 1971 film of the same name. Outbreak features germs of a more earthbound kind. Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Spacey star in this 1995 film about an outbreak of a fictional Ebola virus called Motaba.

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▶ Jude Law stars as Alan Krumwiede in the thriller Contagion.

Outbreak

Does the monkey who carried the virus in Outbreak look familiar?

Who? It's Betsy who also appeared as Ross' pet on Friends. The sitcom spoofed her work in Outbreak by showing her on a fictional movie poster.

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▶ The Transformers' series was as unreal as they come.

Escape from reality

Is real life too boring for film?

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You're watching a movie in which two characters are in the midst of an intense conversation about that giant asteroid that is on a direct path to crashing into the Pentagon when all of a sudden on of them says, "Hold that thought — gotta pee!" and darts off screen.

Doesn't happen much, does it? As a matter of fact, unless it's directly related to the advancement of the plot, we never see these real-world moments happen on screen. Are there consequences to that? Grae Drake, movie critic at movies.com, thinks so.

"I think the reason that I'm most indignant about this topic is that movies are single-handedly reinforcing why it's cooler to be a movie star than it is to be a real person," she says. "Because all of these menial tasks that make up a life are completely edited out of a representation of life, therefore making us think that being normal is totally lame."

That's just the point, argues Dr. Tonia M. Edwards, film and media professor at Georgia State University.

"Those mundane moments are often removed because Hollywood encourages escape from everyday life. By removing the often tedious aspects of everyday life from the story being told, it allows the viewer to distance themselves from a life in which they spend large portions of their days doing relatively unexciting things" she says, but adds that a certain brand of film far removed from Hollywood, chooses to emphasize the boring side of life in order to make a statement.

"European Art Cinema, for example, often chooses to include moments and various elements simply because they reinforce the realistic qualities of a story. Typically, they do this in order to force people to face real life issues."

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Being a busty babe ain't all it's cracked up to be

Jessica Simpson considering a breast reduction surgery before she ties the knot ‘I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra,’ she says

Jessica Simpson is reportedly considering breast-reduction surgery before she walks down the aisle with fiancé Eric Johnson, according to In Touch.

“She thinks if she downsizes her breasts, she will look smaller. She’s never loved having a huge chest,” a source says.

It’s clearly an issue that’s been weighing on the singer for some time.

“I was well-endowed when I was in sixth grade. There’s no way to hide them, as much as you want to bandage your boobs down,” Simpson has said previously.

“I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra. I remember crying in the bathtub. All my friends were super skinny.”

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▶ Jessica Simpson

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First Footloose now Flatliners! Are they just remaking the ones that start with F?

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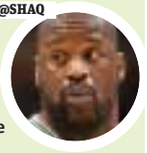

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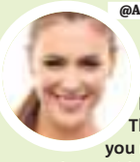

Hi! Feeding time for Baby Milo. Thinking of all you mamma’s out there with raw nipples. #Ouch

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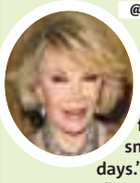

Ben Franklin said it best: “Guests, like fish, begin to smell after 3 days.” He didn’t mention: “20 minutes if your guest is Snooki.”

▶ Soon-to-be mom Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.

Baby Sarkozy not for sharing

Carla Bruni-Sarkozy is planning on keeping her new baby away from the cameras when it arrives.

“You don’t have a child for the [photo] gallery,” the French first lady and expectant mother says in an interview with French television program Sept a Huit, adding that her “position as the wife of the head of state has made me even more defensive. I understand the media interest, and I don’t see any inconvenience in it for myself or my husband, but when it concerns the children, it’s not impossible.”

While she doesn’t yet know the gender of the new baby, she does know how she feels about media attention. “I will do everything to protect this infant, and I’ll be absolutely rigorous,” she says. “I will never show photos of this child. I will never expose this child.”

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Adele doesn’t have weight issues

Adele, who has had to cancel several tour dates this year due to illness, apparently doesn’t do so well on the road even when she’s feeling healthy.

“I puke quite a lot before going on stage,” she tells British Vogue, admitting that there is a bright side to it.

“The bigger the freakout, the more I enjoy the show.”

But no one should mistake the singer’s nerves and anxiety for issues about her weight, of which she says she has none.

“I’ve seen people where it rules their lives, who want to be thinner or have bigger boobs, and how it wears them down,” she previously said in an interview with Rolling Stone.

“I don’t want that in my life. I have insecurities, of course, but I don’t hang out with anyone who points them out to me.”

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Madonna

Promoting her latest directing effort, W.E., seems to have put Madonna in a charitable mood.

The singer spoke fondly of her ex-husbands during a press conference at the Venice International Film Festival, according to Us Weekly.

“I am and was attracted to very creative people which is why I married Sean Penn and Guy Ritchie, two very talented directors,” Madonna said.

“They both encouraged me as a director and as a creative person to do what I did, and they were both very supportive.”

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Fatherhood, take two

▶ Guy Ritchie

Guy Ritchie is a dad again. The director’s girlfriend, Jacqui Ainsley, delivered a boy in London earlier this week via C-section, according to the Mirror. Ritchie also has an 11-year-old son, Rocco, with ex-wife Madonna, who is said to have sent flowers to congratulate the couple on the new arrival.

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3 life

The funky side of Edmonton

There's a lot more to Alberta's capital than that gigantic mall with the roller-coasters

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▶ Edmonton offers plenty for everyone, from hockey fans to history buffs.

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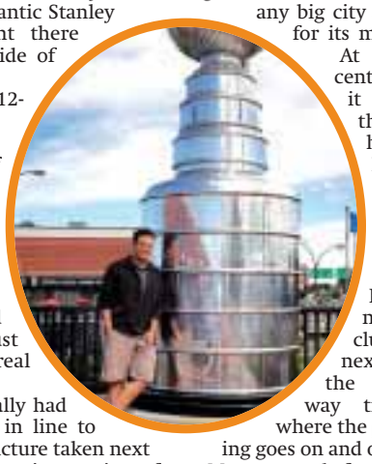
There is more to Edmonton than that big honkin' mall. A lot more.

Having travelled all over this fair country, and most of Alberta for that matter, I for some reason had never visited this great city. Who would have thought you'd find interesting history and culture in little old Edmonton?

For starters, I was pleasantly surprised with the funky vibe of the historic old Strathcona district. Cool old architecture, colourful antique and junk stores and great restaurants await, and then there is the supersized holy grail for hockey fans!

I almost drove off the road after suddenly noticing a gigantic Stanley Cup right there on the side of the road!



This 12-foot-tall exact copy of the cup even has all the winning teams engraved on it, just like the real thing.

I actually had to stand in line to get my picture taken next to this massive version of hockey's most famous prize. Guess that's one way to keep the cup in Edmonton!

Keeping with that trendy/funky theme, it was on to the very vibrant and lively Whyte Avenue. The nightlife here could give any big city a run for its money. At the centre of it all is the huge Iron Horse nightclub next to the railway tracks, where the partying goes on and on.

My personal favourite watering hole in Edmonton turned out to be the equally lively Atlantic Trap and Gill.

My intention was to stop in for a quiet east coast style meal and a brew, but a few pints later I somehow found myself on stage leading a chorus of the Irish folk song Whiskey in the Jar.

Did I mention a few pints were involved?

Happily even more pints were involved a few days later when I had a chance to tour the city's most impressive boutique brewery, known as Big Rock.

This is a great place to just hang out and have lunch, and of course tasting the product is not too hard of a sell either.

The brewery's Grasshopper Wheat Ale has become a very popular export to other parts of the country, and the Big Rock Lime is no slouch either.

I tasted both of them more than once, just to make sure.

Other cool things to do

- **Check out a festival or two:** Edmonton is the festival capital of Canada, with more than 30 annual events. The eclectic variety includes folk, fringe or street performer festivals.
- **Check out Jurassic Forest:** Here life-size dinosaurs come to life on a 40 acre prehistoric preserve!

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▶ Jurassic Forest is a big attraction for kids.

Travel in brief

Canada is on the shortlist and needs your vote. The Bay of Fundy could become one of the planet's New 7 Wonders of Nature with enough votes. Winners will be announced in November. There are currently 28 sites on the finalist list. Only the Bay of Fundy and the Grand Canyon are contenders for North America. To vote, go to votemyfundy.com.
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Native American photographers share perspectives in special exhibit at NM museum.

Drink of the week

The Grey Goose Northern Starlet

This fruity cocktail, with its fresh canberry juice and spray of grapefruit, is fit for the stars as Canada gets ready to celebrate the Toronto International Film Festival.

- 45 ml Grey Goose Vodka
- 5 ml Cherry Marnier
- 25 ml organic Canadian cranberry juice
- 1 can (175 ml/6 oz) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 10 ml Passion fruit syrup
- 5 ml Freshly squeezed pink grapefruit juice

Combine all ingredients into cocktail shaker with ice. Shake; strain in coupette. Finish with spray of pink grapefruit zest and garnish with a whole star anis. **DIMI LEZINSKA, GLOBAL BRAND AMBASSADOR GREY GOOSE VODKA**

The changing face of snacks

Keep after-school treats interesting Try these recipes, which reinvent some classics

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The Peanut Butter and Jelly Cubes recipe makes 32 cubes. The Sweet Quesadillas serve four.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Cubes Preparation:

1. Spray a 23-by-33-cm (9-by-13-inch) pan with cooking spray, then line with plastic wrap.
2. In bowl, combine 4 envelopes of gelatin with 250 ml (1 cup) of grape juice. Let sit 5 minutes.
3. In saucepan over medium-high heat, bring remaining 750 ml (3 cups) grape juice and 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey to boil. Pour in bowl with gelatin; stir until dissolved. Pour mix into prepared pan and refrigerate until firm and set, 3 hours.
4. In small bowl, combine cool water with remaining 2 envelopes gelatin. Let sit for 5 minutes, then add boiling water. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Set aside.
5. In bowl, use electric mixer to beat peanut butter, cream cheese and remaining 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey until smooth. Slowly beat in gelatin mix. Pour and spread this mix over set jelly in pan. Refrigerate and allow to set up completely, about 3 hours.
6. Using plastic wrap to assist, remove gelatin from pan and peel off plastic. Cut into cubes.

Sweet Quesadillas Preparation:

1. In skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add apples, sugar,cinnamon. Cook, stirring, until apples are tender, 3 mins. Transfer to a bowl.
2. Spread cream cheese over 4 tortillas. Divide apple mix. Top with remaining 4 tortillas.
3. In skillet over medium-high heat, toast each quesadilla, about 2 minutes per side. Serve.

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Shopping List:

Peanut Butter and Jelly Cubes

- 6 envelopes (each 7 g/1/4 oz) unflavoured gelatin, divided
- 1 l (4 cups) grape juice, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) honey, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cool water
- 250 ml (1 cup) boiling water
- 250 ml (1 cup) peanut butter
- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) cream cheese, room temperature

Sweet Quesadillas

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) packed brown sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 125 g (4 oz) cream cheese
- Eight 15-cm (6-inch) flour tortillas

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I have been plagued with the "I need experience but nobody will give it to me" curse for a long time.

Until one company is willing to take a chance on you and give you an entry-level position, the job or internship hunt can be tiresome. Trust me, I know.

▶ Alanna Glass emphasizes the importance of quality over quantity when it comes to the information a person presents on their resumé.

That being said, as I ended my second year of university, I was finally able to land an internship. Fortunately for me, this small company did just what an employer should: they looked beyond the content of my resumé.

When I came in on my first day, they told me I had been selected based on the strong communication skills I had demonstrated in my application.

My relevant work experience had been reviewed but was not necessarily the top priority. They valued that I could communicate effectively and were willing to give me the experience I lacked.

In my opinion, employers should "read between the lines" of a resumé and try to recognize quality over quantity.

What does a student prove by having six short-term positions over one long-term position? As a student, does it benefit to be a member of six clubs or to be the president of one?

Employers seem to be so caught up in the length of a resumé that they neglect to read between the lines and see what's really there. Through dedication to one position, a student is demonstrating commitment and perseverance.

The quality of your resumé is of paramount importance.

Whether one page or two, a resumé can be demonstrative of so much more than past work experience. For example, a resumé that is clean and well-organized is often received as a reflection of the person who wrote it.

Also, creative descriptions of skills and prior experience demonstrate impressive communication skills.

There's no need to write "excellent communication skills" when it is evident in your writing and the construction of the resumé.

Take time to polish your resumé. It's often the only piece of information that employers have about you, so you want to be sure that it's giving the right impression.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Alanna's experience:

- Spend time enhancing your resumé for every job that you're applying to
- Make sure your resumé demonstrates the transferable skills you acquired in your extra-curricular activities and past experiences
- Highlight your past successes and make your resumé stand out

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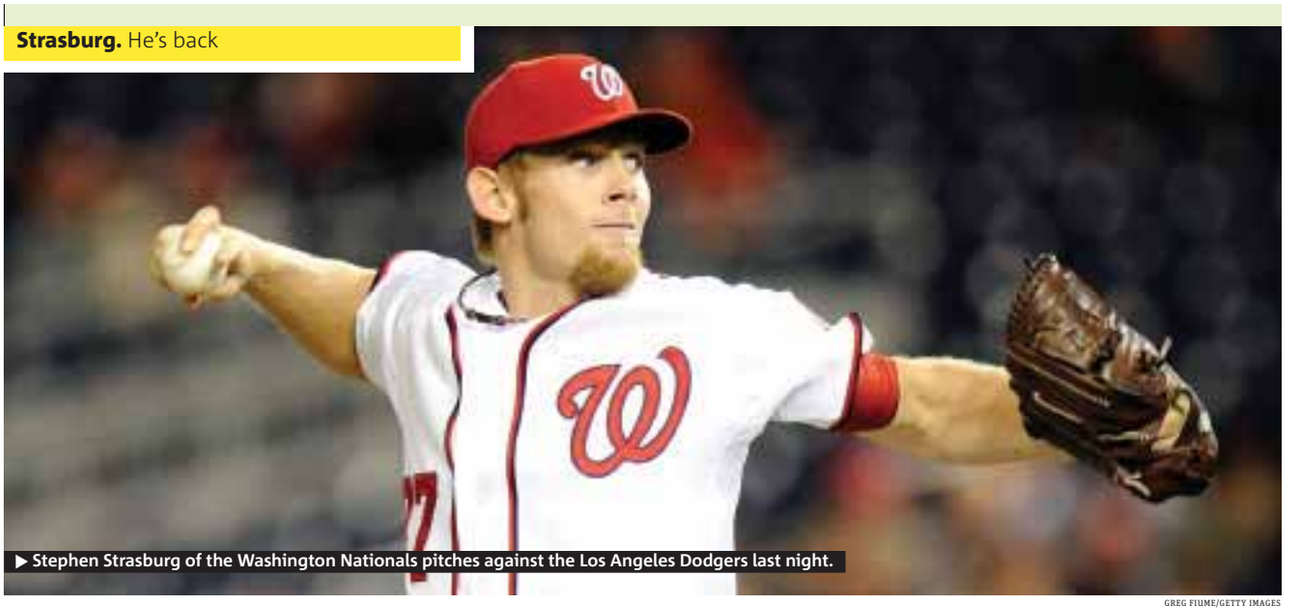

▶ Stephen Strasburg of the Washington Nationals pitches against the Los Angeles Dodgers last night.

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Pitching phenom shows he can still bring the heat

Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg allowed two hits over five scoreless innings last night in his first major-league start since undergoing Tommy John surgery. His workload carefully monitored, Strasburg threw 56 pitches, 40 for strikes. He struck out four and his fastball peaked at 99 miles per hour.
The 2009 No. 1 draft pick wowed the baseball world last year during his rookie season. Those magical days of "Strasmus" came to an abrupt end when his elbow popped in a game at Philadelphia on Aug. 21, and his long road back began when he had ligament replacement surgery last Sept. 3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argos give Lemon the boot

Toronto hands the veteran quarterback his walking papers and passes on the job to Jyles

The Toronto Argonauts are now Steven Jyles' team.

Jyles assumed the starting quarterback position with the struggling Argos (2-7) yesterday, hours after the club's surprising announcement it had released incumbent Cleo Lemon. Jyles will come off the nine-game injured list this week and make his Toronto debut Saturday night in Vancouver against the B.C. Lions.

"I'm expecting him to go out and play within himself, and by the end of nine games we're going to know what we have in Steven Jyles," said Toronto coach/GM Jim Barker. "For him, this is an opportunity to take control of a team."

Lemon joined the Argos prior to the 2010 campaign following seven NFL seasons and struggled with the Canadian game, amassing an 11-14 record as the club's starter. His departure came four days after Lemon was benched for the first time, giving way to backup Dalton Bell to start the second half of Toronto's 29-16 home loss to B.C., a game that saw the home team roll up just 184 total offensive yards.

23
Number of interceptions thrown by Cleo Lemon in his career as an Argo, compared to 22 touchdown passes.

The move was a huge surprise given Barker continually supported Lemon throughout his CFL struggles. Barker named Lemon his starter last season despite Bell having played better in camp, and though Toronto posted a 9-9 record to qualify for the playoffs, it was due mostly to its stout defence and spectacular special teams as the offence struggled mightily.

In the off-season, Barker acquired Jyles from Winnipeg and declared another open competition at training camp for the starter's job. But the Lemon-Jyles showdown never materialized as Jyles missed most of camp recovering from off-season shoulder surgery before going on the injured list.

Lemon did show flashes of brilliance this year, completing 66.5 per cent of his passing with seven touchdowns against just four interceptions. But it wasn't nearly enough to kick-start an anemic Toronto offence that's ranked last overall in the total yards (312.1 yards per game) and passing yards (277.3).
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Rain shuts Open down for day

Rain washed out all of yesterday's schedule at the U.S. Open, postponing matches involving defending champion Rafael Nadal and the three American men left in the tournament: Andy Roddick, John Isner and Donald Young.

Second-seeded Vera Zvonareva, the 2010 runner-up, also had been scheduled to play yesterday, the first time play has been delayed by rain at this year's U.S. Open.

Steady showers that began overnight carried into the morning, first delaying what was supposed to be an 11 a.m. ET start. About 2½ hours later, the U.S. Tennis Association announced that the day and night sessions were being called off.

A total of 54 matches were postponed at least until today, when more rain is predicted. There also is a chance of rain tomorrow and Friday, which could throw the schedule into disarray. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECOVERY UPDATE

Crosby to speak

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby is expected to provide an update today on the progress of his recovery from a concussion.

Crosby, who hasn't played since suffering a head injury in January, will speak to reporters at CONSOL Energy Center, the NHL team said yesterday.

Crosby has seen concussion specialists around the United States this summer. They have been monitoring his progress as he tries to shake headaches and other concussion symptoms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"I've been an assistant coach of the year in pro football and in college football, so apparently I'm pretty good. No one else believes it, but they all will after this game."
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That is minimal, but considering the car's modest 970-kilogram curb weight, it's likely all that's needed for most urban driving scenarios.

Seating and space

This so-called "micro subcompact" offers a unique seating arrangement, with the driver's chair positioned a few centimetres aft of the front passenger seat.

This arrangement allows for a reasonable legroom assigned to the spot behind the shotgun position, but barely any such space exists behind the driver. Full Monty seat deployment also results in a mere mail slot's worth of storage space, accessible through the rear hatch. But with the rear seat folded, stashing a couple of sets of golf clubs or full-size suitcases would not be out of the question.

How many airbags?

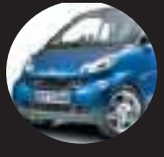
The iQ isn't particularly wide — nearly equal to the fortwo in this regard — but the offset front-seat layout should provide sufficient space to prevent elbow collisions.

It also features an amazing 11 airbags strategically located about the cabin. The list includes the first-ever rear-window airbag plus driver and front-passenger knee and seat-cushion airbags.

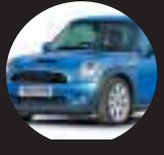
▶ Given the $18,300 entry price and an estimated fuel economy of 5.5/4.6 l/100 km (city/highway), there are more economical choices than the iQ. Purchase will have to be partly based on the got-to-have-it factor.

By comparison

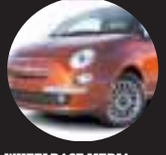
Smart fortwo
Base price: $15,000
Less practical two-seater lacks space and fuel efficiency in this class.



Mini Cooper
Base price: $23,650
Easy on gas plus excellent road manners makes Mini a fun-to-drive pick.



Fiat 500
Base price: $17,400
Cute econo-car newbie offers all-adult seating and Italian pedigree.



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What a catch: iQ with charm

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More than four decades ago, North Americans began a love affair with an inexpensive little two-door runabout that Toyota introduced to North America from its Japanese homeland. The Corolla badge has so far been affixed to 40 million vehicles.

Certainly Toyota isn't expecting its Scion-branded iQ to be a case of history repeating, but if just a little of that ol' Corolla mojo rubs off on this tiniest of four-seaters, the automaker would definitely have another hit on its hands. The iQ is an interesting piece of architecture. Toyota has managed to take a vehicle that's a scant three metres long (roughly 30 centimetres longer than a Smart fortwo) and create a rolling habitat for four people.

The previous statement, however, requires some clarification. The person sitting directly behind the driver will either have to be very small, or sufficiently flexible to sit cross-legged for extended periods.

For all practical purposes, the iQ is essentially a three-person proposition, but it still puts the Smart to shame. Young urban singles and multi-car families are the likely targets, but more car can be had for about the same money from other automakers with as good, or better fuel-efficiency stats.

But don't discount the iQ's certain indescribable charm factor. After all, it worked for the Corolla.

▶ The iQ is set to go on sale this October.

▶ The gauges, controls and pop-up-style audio/navigation system reflect the iQ's minimalist character.

Scion iQ

What you should know about the 2012 Scion iQ:

- **Types:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.3-litre DOHC I4 (94).
- **Transmission:** Continuously variable.
- **Market position:** Toyota's Scion takes the small-car philosophy to a whole new level and attempts to bridge the gap between the two-seat Smart and larger two- and four-door fuel-sipping hatchbacks.
- **Mileage:** L/100 (city/hwy) 5.5/4.6.

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Last-gen Infiniti QX is comfy, thirsty, enormous

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The first generation of the QX56 was available to Canadian shoppers between 2004 and 2010 model years. A shot at machines like the Cadillac Escalade, it was effectively a rebadged and upscaled Nissan Pathfinder Armada with sophisticated looks and a very luxurious cabin.

Look for all the premium goodies, including hard-drive audio storage, radar cruise, puddle lights, navigation with voice command, Bluetooth, automatic everything, leather seating, wood trim and plenty more.

Seating was available for the driver and up to seven passengers.

2004 to 2010 Infiniti QX56

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Engine

Standard was a 5.6-litre V-8 engine cranking out 315 or 320 horsepower, a five-speed automatic and standard four-wheel drive with low-range.

What owners like

Comfort, handling, beauty, luxury, and style are highly rated by QX56 owners.

A combination of space, luxury-car amenities and capability are also noted as primary reasons for purchase.

What owners dislike

As with any SUV, gas mileage is almost unanimously rated poorly by QX owners. Other gripes include "boatish" driving dynamics, poorly-placed cupholders and a few cheaper-than-expected interior pieces.

Common issues

On a test-drive, note any unwelcomed vibrations through the steering wheel, which may be caused by out-of-balance wheels, poor alignment or worn tires. Ensure all door locks work properly and triple check the trunk release latch and motorized tailgate for proper operation in both directions, if so equipped.

Hard shifting or engine performance issues could be caused by a faulty powertrain control module, not the drivetrain itself.

Verdict

Smaller and less-thirsty alternatives to the QX56 are available in the used market, should this enormous Infiniti's size and power prove overkill. Those set on a QX56 should opt for a model familiar to a selling Infiniti dealer.

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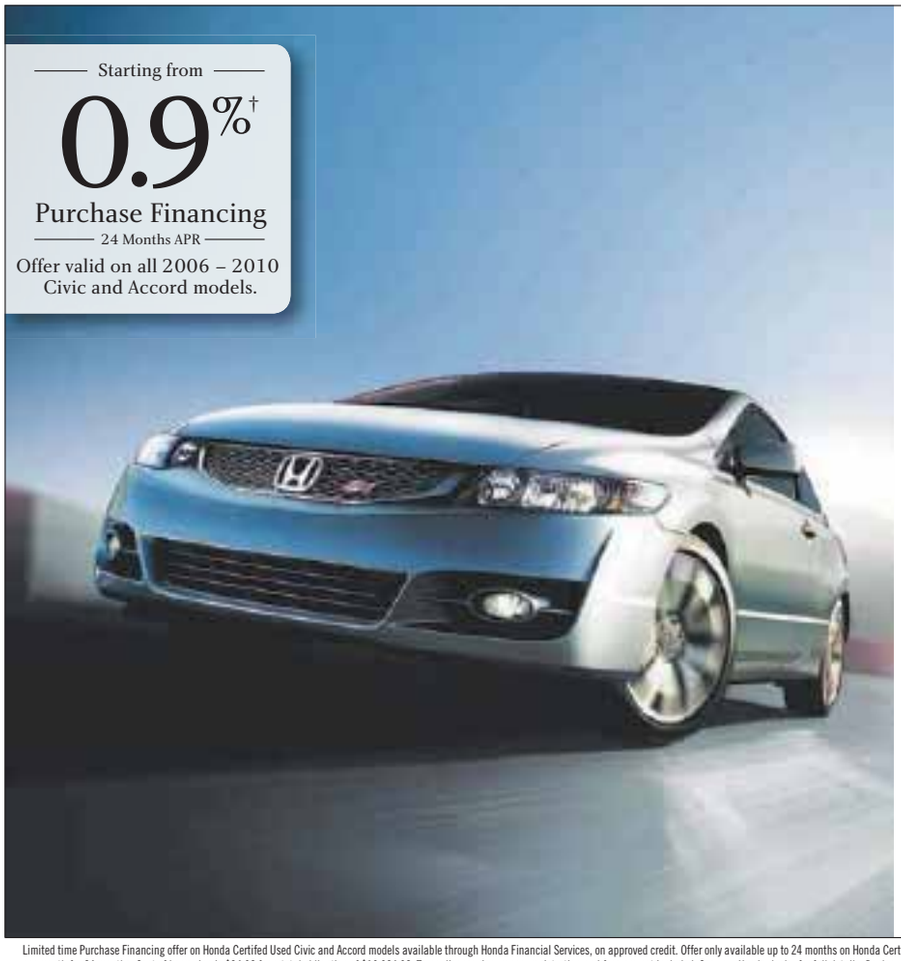

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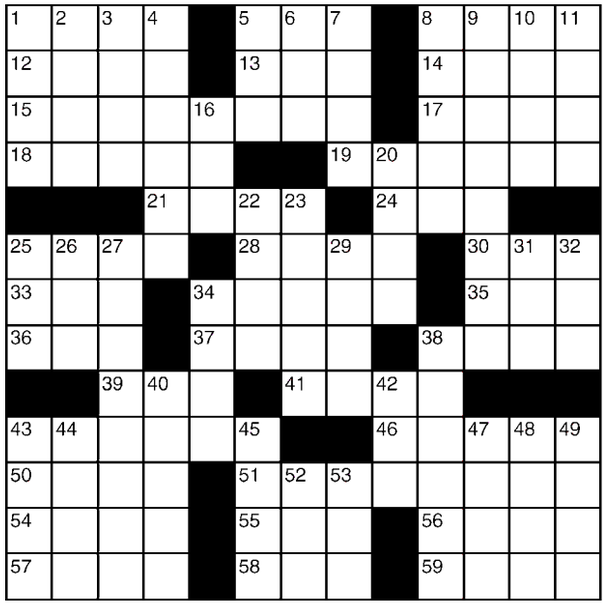

Across

1 Use the oven
5 Mandible
8 Census stats
12 Former Fed head Greenspan
13 Author Umberto
14 Crooner Jerry
15 Hood
17 "By the power vested — ..."
18 Perspiration
19 St. George's foe
21 Mentor
24 Bigger photo (Abbr.)
25 Ginormous
28 Never again?
30 Mischief-maker
33 "Born in the —"
34 Musical endings
35 Water (Fr.)
36 Stiller or Stein
37 Supplements, with "out"
38 Kermit, for one
39 Petrol
41 Line holder
43 Summon with a shout
46 "Soon It's — Rain"
50 Hodgepodge
51 Ship boarders' passages
54 Midday
55 Brazilian tourist mecca
56 Duel tool
57 Chromosome part
58 Shade source
59 Tat-tat lead-in

Down

1 Luggage
2 "There oughta be —!"
3 Welles role
4 Intermesh
5 Lustrous black
6 Expert
7 Information
8 Bird-related
9 More like a string bean
10 Ticklish Muppet
11 Witnessed
16 R-V connection
20 "Cheers" actor Roger
22 Castle
23 Hypnotized
25 Center
26 Work with
27 Bundle of nerves?
29 Instance
31 Chinese chairman
32 Boxer
34 "— la vie"
38 Rose, e.g.
40 Unaccompanied
42 Nest item
43 Reps. and Sens.
44 Lotion additive
45 Shrek, for one
47 California wine valley
48 Dmitri's denial
49 Whale-watching, maybe
52 Have a bug
53 — de plume

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You know what needs to be done and you know how to do it. If you wait, you could miss your chance.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be impulsive today. Do something for no better reason than because it makes you feel good.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Find ways to further your career interests while enjoying a great social life. Have your cake and eat it, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you think everyone is out to cheat you then, inevitably, you will attract that sort of person.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The trend dominating your life is totally positive. Stop trying to change things that don't need changing.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A quick decision is not always the best decision, so take your time before making your next move.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Work with people who share your outlook on life. There's plenty.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Someone you work with will make you an offer you can't refuse.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 No one knows you as well as you know yourself, so listen to your subconscious — then act fast.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Cosmic activity in a sensitive area of your chart makes you acutely responsive to changes in your life.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Make sure loved ones take you seriously and make sure you take them seriously. SALLY BROMPTON

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